

Town of WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE No. 2 TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

March 27, 2013 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Council Chambers Municipal Offices
111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville

BACKGROUND

Managing growth and development in a fiscally, environmentally and socially sustainable manner is a key goal of the Town as set out in its 2011-2014 Corporate Strategic Plan. Accordingly, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is undertaking a Growth Management Strategy (GMS), which will guide development and direct population and employment growth within the Town to the year 2031.

The Town has retained a Consultant Team led by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. to prepare this Strategy. The GMS will form a critical background document for the Town as it moves forward with the future development of its downtown, existing built-up areas and the remaining designated greenfield areas. The GMS will also provide a basis to direct, integrate and co-ordinate key municipal strategies, such as Functional Servicing Studies/Master Environmental Servicing Plans, updates to the Official Plan/Secondary Plans, Fiscal Impact Assessments, Development Charges Background Reports, and Master Plans.

An extensive public consultation process has been established including Public Information Centres (PIC), meetings with key stakeholder groups and Council meetings/workshops.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE No. 2 - ALTERNATIVE GROWTH OPTIONS

7 PM Staff and consultants will be available to discuss the study and the Alternative Growth Options
7:30 PM Consultant presentation/questions and answers
8 PM - 9 PM Staff and consultants will be available to discuss the study and the Alternative Growth Options

Background information on the study will be available at the Public Information Centre, at the Municipal Offices or online on the Town's website.

STUDY WEB PAGE

A web page has been set-up for the study, which you can visit to keep up to date on the study progress and to view and download key documents at www.townofws.ca/GMS.

DISCUSSION PAPER

The consultant's discussion paper prepared in support of the Alternative Growth Options is available for download on the Town's web site or in the Department of Planning and Building Services.

STUDY CONTACT

If you require additional information, wish to share comments or be added to the Study mailing list please contact:

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Food drive moving to June

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The annual Mayor's Thanksgiving Food Drive is being moved to June.

"I'd do it any time they want me to do it," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, who initiated the fall food drive in 2009.

It is scheduled for June 1, 9 a.m. to noon.

The drive was moved ahead by four months to help the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank get through the summer.

There are typically two big pushes for food donations — Thanksgiving and Christmas — which are just a couple of months apart. There is nothing in between.

"It was very successful. This town is so generous. We have been so blessed with the support we get," said Marion Wells, the food bank co-ordinator.

"We will see how June turns out. ... It's going to be trial and error," she said.

"We're hoping we have just as big a food drive," Mr. Emmerson said.

Another change to his year's food drive is the drop-off location.

Last year it was at the town hall. But this year it will be under construction as the York Regional Police are expected to move into the building's vacant space.

Instead, half-ton trucks will be parked outside NoFrills, Metro and Giant Tiger with volunteers accepting donations, according to Ms Wells.

"We have volunteers who are very gracious," she said.

The number of local food bank users has gone up.

At this time last year, 15 to 18 families were visiting the Churchill Community Church's basement, where the food bank is located.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Now, 22 to 27 families require weekly aid, according to Ms Wells.

Food bank users are allowed two visits per month. Mid-month is the busiest time, while the end of the month is the quietest because people have just received their unemployment or disability cheques, for example, according to Ms Wells.

Donations throughout the year can be made in bins at NoFrills, Metro and Giant Tiger.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank, 15336 Ninth Line, Whitchurch-Stouffville, L4A 7X4.


United Way brings Meeting House to leisure centre

United Way York Region's Meeting House 2013 series — Unleashing the Power of Community — comes to Whitchurch-Stouffville Tuesday.

This series visits York's nine municipalities between March and June and allows you to join the conversation and share what is happening in your community around the issue of poverty and families struggling to make ends meet.

United Way continues to search out community-led solutions to the region's most pressing issues.

The meeting will be held at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



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